

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2022**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on January 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Anna Janusz at 6:02 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Dale Ames, Bob Dignan, and Steve Lambrechts. Absent was Ted Zess. Steve Lambrechts was unavailable at the start of the meeting, but returned at 6:50 p.m. during item E. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, Kathy Zwirgzdas, administrators/supervisors, and three guests. Anna Janusz read the open meeting statement indicating that the meeting is open to the public as required by state statute and that notice of the meeting had been sent to the media and/or posted.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Dale Ames for the approval of the agenda and the amended agendas as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Dale Ames to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular board meeting, with a correction on page 8 to the misspelling of Anna Janusz's name, and the December 13, 2021 special board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Trudy Schulz spoke about utilizing the ESSER dollars for improving Middle School test scores rather than the MS HVAC system.

Adam Witkiewicz spoke about the long length of the school board meetings, which he states is a contributor to non-involvement.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Bob Dignan made a motion to approve December 2021 payments in the amount of \$1,684,330.47 and receipts in the amount of \$1,706,771.34 as reflected on the financial statements. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- A. Student Representative Report: Sarah Scanlan reported on current events.
- B. Staffing Retirements: Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the retirement of Lori Puls with thanks from the district. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the retirement of Pete Syens with thanks from the district. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Staffing Recommendation(s): Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the hire of Madison Gruman for ES music. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of donation(s): Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the donation(s) with thanks from the district: Ogden Construction for \$200 for Battle Bags, an anonymous donation for \$6,500 for Battle Bags, WE Energies \$300 matching Jessica Fuch's donation, A.A.T. Infrared, Inc. for \$500 to the HS wrestling program, Mr. Mike Howard \$400 toward the HS Wrestling program, Ms. Nancy Forjan \$200 toward the HS wrestling program, Chris and Laura Edwards \$225 towards the HS wrestling program, Jeff and Jeaneen McPherson \$225 towards the HS wrestling program, and the First Congregational Church of East Troy \$500 donation. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. We also reported on the recent VOICE grant written by Jinnesa Pluess from Gateway for ECE electronic babies to the High School.
- E. Benefits Presentation: USI: Al Jaeger presented on benefits. He will return on a future date with area comparables of all benefits.
- F. Operational Guide – discussion and action, if appropriate, related to length of quarantine for students and/or staff and current use of sick days: Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the changes as presented. Anna Janusz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Open enrollment space calculation / determination (see policy 425): Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the calculation as presented with no special education spaces for open enrollment for next year. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Action planning related to District and School Report Cards / ESSER III “Learning Loss”: Amy Foszpanczyk followed up on recommended actions from the data presented last month.
- I. Overnight field trip requests: Steve Lambrechts made a motion to approve the field trips as presented – Eau Claire Jazz Band and Nashville Choir (re-proposed due to new COVID requirements). Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Upcoming expiring board term and vacancy: Bob Dignan's seat will become vacant on Feb 28th, 2022. Policy 132, Filling Board Vacancies will be followed to fill the two month position. Steve

Lambrechts made a motion to regretfully approve the acceptance of the vacancy, approve the posting of the open position, and the goal is to select a person at the February board meeting. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- K. Approval of new policy 121 – Records Retention: Steve Lambrechts made a motion to approve the new policy 121. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- L. WIAA conference realignment task force committee update: Dr. Hibner explained a WIAA consideration moving out McFarland and moving in Monroe and Delavan, along with the District’s responses and preferences of other scenarios.
- M. School Board Candidacy for April 5, 2022 election: Dr. Hibner explained 5 candidates are running for two open positions, and so a primary will occur.
- N. Choose Board of Canvassers for February primary election: Steve Lambrechts made a motion to approve the following as canvassers: Steve Lambrechts, Anna Janusz, Stacey Kuehn, Monday Feb 21st 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- O. Preliminary staffing proposals – from time to time, the board needs to adjourn to executive session to address specific personnel regarding budgetary implications for future years: Moved to executive session.
- P. Evaluation of District Administrator: Moved to executive session.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report:
 - i. Encouraged informational readings at the end of the board packet.
 - ii. Combined bus routes last week.
- B. Business Manager Report: None
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report: None
- D. Director of Pupil Services: None
- E. School Board President’s Report: None

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

1st Reading – Student interviews during an investigation

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congrats to Reid Oldenburg with recent certification nationally. Rick Brandner resigning as head baseball coach.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

Donations, ESSER learning loss, energy policy review.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Anna Janusz made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:20 for the purposes of discussion of preliminary staffing proposals and District Administrator evaluation as provided under 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(c). Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes; Anna Janusz – yes; Dale Ames – yes; Bob Dignan – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION –

Anna Janusz made a motion to reconvene to open session at 11:20. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anna Janusz and seconded by Bob Dignan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts